

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting a lost or stolen mobile communications terminal having a terminal identifier from unauthorized use comprising:

placing the mobile communications terminal in a Protected Mode without deactivating the mobile communications terminal's terminal identifier by storing a Protected Mode indicator at a network element located remotely from the mobile communications terminal indicating that the Protected Mode has been activated for the terminal;

preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal in the Protected Mode; and

redirecting incoming calls destined for the mobile communications terminal in the Protected Mode.

2. (Currently Amended) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the terminal identifier is an Electronic Serial Number (ESN).

3. (Original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the redirecting step includes redirecting the incoming calls to the mobile communications terminal's voicemail system.

4. (Original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the redirecting step includes redirecting the incoming calls to a forwarding number.

5. (Original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the placing step includes the subscriber placing the terminal in the Protected Mode.

6. (Original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the placing step includes the subscriber placing the terminal in the Protected Mode using a web site.

7. (Original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the placing step includes the mobile communications service provider placing the terminal in the Protected Mode.

8. (Currently Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising a Call Session Manager network element locating the terminal when a call is attempted to be made from the mobile terminal in Protected Mode.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for protecting a lost or stolen mobile communications terminal having a terminal identifier from unauthorized use comprising:

a mobile communications terminal having a terminal identifier and a Protected Mode for preventing unauthorized use without deactivation of the terminal identifier;

a communications network element disposed remotely from the mobile communications terminal for storing a Protected Mode indicator indicating that the Protected Mode has been activated for the mobile communications terminal;

means for preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal while in the Protected Mode disposed at a location remote from the mobile communications terminal; and

means for redirecting incoming calls destined for the mobile communications terminal while in the Protected Mode disposed at a location remote from the mobile communications terminal.

10. (Original) The system defined in claim 9 wherein the means for redirecting incoming calls includes means for redirecting incoming calls to the Voice Mail System of the mobile communications terminal.

11. (Original) The system defined in claim 9 wherein the means for redirecting incoming calls includes means for redirecting incoming calls to another terminal.

12. (Original) The system defined in claim 9 wherein the means for preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal

includes a Call Session Manager.

13. (Currently Amended) The system defined in claim 12 wherein the Call Session Manager is one of a Mobile Switching Center and an Internet Protocol Multimedia Subsystem.

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the step of preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal further comprises:

receiving a message at the communications network element requesting call setup information for an attempted outgoing call from the mobile communications terminal;

verifying that the Protected Mode indicator for the mobile communications terminal has been set indicating that the mobile communications terminal is in Protected Mode; and

returning a response indicating that the mobile communications terminal is in Protected Mode.

16. (New) The method defined in claim 15 wherein the step of preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal further comprises:

receiving the response indicating that the mobile communications terminal is in Protected Mode at a Call Session Manager network element disposed remotely from the mobile communications terminal; and

the Call Session Manager releasing the outgoing call attempted to be made from the mobile communications terminal.

17. (New) The system defined in claim 9 wherein the means for preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal comprises a Call Session Manager network element communicating with the communications network element for releasing outgoing calls attempted from the terminal after receiving an indication from the communications network element that the mobile

communications terminal is in Protected Mode.

18. (New) The system defined in claim 9 wherein the communications network element is one of a Home Location Register and a Home Subscriber Server.

19. (New) The system defined in claim 9 further comprising means for enabling a mobile communications subscriber to communicate with the communications network element for storing the Protected Mode indicator at the communications network element.

20. (New) The system defined in claim 9 further comprising means for enabling a mobile communications Service Provider to communicate with the communications network element for storing the Protected Mode indicator at the communications network element.

21. (New) The method defined claim 1 wherein the communications network element is one of a Home Location Register and a Home Subscriber Server.